

## *City of Falls Church*

Meeting Date: 5-11-09	Title: Proclamation Declaring May 2009 as Watershed and Floodplain Awareness Month	Agenda No.: 5. (2)
Proposed Motion: n/a		
Originating Dept. Head: √ Kathleen C. Buschow, City Clerk 703.248.5014		Disposition by Council:
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### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the streams and tributaries that flow both above and below the ground through the City of Falls Church are part of an interconnected watershed system that carries water from our rooftops, yards, streets, and parking lots into the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, the City of Falls Church is committed to improving and protecting these precious waters as habitat for plant and animal life, as a recreational resource, and as drinking water for our citizens, both now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 213 commercial and residential properties in the Falls Church City portion of the Tripps Run and Four Mile Run floodplains; and

WHEREAS, the City is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System, which recognizes and encourages community floodplain management and through which flood insurance rates may be reduced to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from community activities that meet targeted goals; and

WHEREAS, the City provides opportunities to residents, businesses, schools, churches, and organizations to participate in watershed and floodplain education efforts; and

WHEREAS, many citizens in our community have responded by participating in programs that serve to raise awareness about what individuals can do on their properties, in their homes, and through their transportation choices to improve water quality and minimize their impact on the floodplain; and

WHEREAS, the City has undertaken a city-wide comprehensive effort to examine our watershed and to develop a plan for improving the watershed over the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Falls Church recognizes the importance of increasing public awareness of watershed and floodplain protection,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBIN S. GARDNER, Mayor of the City of Falls Church, Virginia, do hereby proclaim May 2009 as

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in the City of Falls Church and urge all citizens to recognize the importance of this observance and to participate in watershed and floodplain protection activities in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Falls Church, Virginia, to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

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Robin S. Gardner, Mayor